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Date: June 27, 2026

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RE: Re: Dan E. Neal (Sierra V. Carbary)

Dear Ms. Cournoyer:

Yes, I did receive a copy of Alexis V. Preskar's June 15, 2026, regarding Mr. Neal's conduct having been referred to Disciplinary Counsel's Office for further consideration.

I understand the matter has been assigned to you, and I that all of the materials I and Mr. Fisher have submitted to the Oregon State Bar (Bar) have been reviewed. Based upon that review, I understand that you have concluded that there is no probable cause of ethical misconduct and

the Bar will not take further action on this matter.

"Mr. Neal has been an active member of the Bar in good standing since September 1977. It appears from that date up to and including 2012, he engaged in the private practice of law with Fern Eng under the name "Neal & Eng." In 2012, Ms. Eng died and Mr. Neal ceased the private practice of law. It appears that he has since engaged in the business of real estate development."

Ms. Cournoyer, "*It appears that he has since engaged in the business of real estate development*", is irrelevant in context, considering the AUG 2025 401k "Neal & Eng" law-firm filing I provided - for your review (attached). This filing indicates that it would appear Mr. Neal has since engaged in the business of a law-firm.

"You contend that Mr. Neal's continued use of "Neal & Eng," after Ms. Eng died and he no longer practiced law, with the Bar and as an assumed business name violates the Rules of Professional Conduct (RPCs) that restrict lawyers' advertising and solicitation."

Ms. Cournoyer, that is a misinterpretation of my ethics report made on Mr. Neal. I clearly contend that "Neal & Eng" has been active since 1977 - October 28, 2025 (attached), but did not register with the state until 2019, having advertised for its services to the public from 2004-2012 - the screenshots of the archived website was provided for your review (attached).

"One of those rules, RPC 7.1, prohibits a lawyer from making false or misleading communications about the lawyer or the lawyer's services."

Ms. Cournoyer, it appears Mr. Neal's conduct clearly violates RPC 7.1 considering Neal & Eng was not registered with the state to transact business as a law firm for 35 years.

"and there is no, evidence that he advertises, maintains a website about legal services, or otherwise communicates that he is engaged in the practice of law"

Ms. Cournoyer, I provided a printout of the archived webpage that clearly showed advertisement of legal services for Neal & Eng - that you claimed to have reviewed at the beginning of your letter sent June 25, 2026, (attached).

"However, because there is no evidence that Mr. Neal uses the name to engage in the private practice of law, it is extremely unlikely that the public could be misled about the identity or status of someone offering legal..."

Ms. Cournoyer, the 401(k) filing from AUG 2025 that I provided for your review (attached), indicate active business and future investment of the business, and is extremely likely that the public would be misled about the identity or status of "Neal & Eng" claiming inactivity.

"Neither Mr. Neal's registration of "Neal & Eng" as an assumed business name nor his reference to "Neal & Eng" as part of his Bar address constitutes a statement or implication that he is practicing law, let alone in a partnership."

Ms. Cournoyer, yes, actually, both of them do - independently, and when considered collectively, as well as in addition to the 401(k) filing (attached). One is able to very easily conclude that Mr. Neal is actively keeping the establishment of Neal & Eng alive, active, busy, functioning, and in operation - until his sudden cease of activity in response to my ethics complaint, of which I provided for your review.

"Separately, you have alleged that Mr. Neal has engaged in illegal or fraudulent acts in connection with his company's collecting rent on a residential unit for which a certificate of occupancy has not been obtained. However, these concerns do not raise an ethics issue."

Ms. Cournoyer, it's a bit concerning that yourself, as well as the Oregon Bar - do not find an ethics issue with a lawyer involved in criminal activity since 1977, compounded with additional criminal allegations since 2012 that are actively occurring under what is now (5) investigations - federally, state, and city. You must put the facts into perspective to be ethically responsible in order to yield capabilities of holding others ethically accountable.

"You have also alleged, without evidence, that Mr. Neal forged Ms. Eng's signature as registered agent on the January 2010 annual report for Adaptable Green Housing LLC, filed with the Oregon Secretary of State."

Ms. Cournoyer, this is the final piece of your many attempts to misconstrue my entire ethics complaint. Every bit of language I didn't quote - was a poor attempt of a foundation to reframe a very structurally cohesive document I submitted to Oregon Bar.

"After review and consideration of the materials submitted and pursuant to Oregon State Bar Rule of Procedure 2.6(2), this matter is dismissed and I will close my file unless you notify me in writing on or before July 9, 2026, that you contest this action. If you contest this dismissal, 1 will submit the matter to the State Professional Responsibility Board for review."

With clear and ethical reasoning, I must contest your dismissal of this matter, and immediately request you submit this letter and its attachments, along with your dismissal, with all materials submitted for your review - to the State Professional Responsibility Board for further review.

I also request receipt of this letter, and receipt of submission to the State Professional Responsibility for for review please.

This letter is also attached, with all evidence referenced - that was initially overlooked - but can easily be found online.

Thank you for your serious attention to my concerns.

Sincerely,

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